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Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97(b), applicant brings to the attention of the Examiner the documents listed on the attached PTO 1449. This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits for the above-referenced application.

Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner consider the listed documents and indicate that they were considered by making appropriate notations on the attached form.

Applicant brings to the Examiner's attention the following U.S. co-pending applications of Applicant; the claims and drawings of which are attached hereto:

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Examiner Initial	Application Number	Filing/Issue Date	Publication/ Patent No.
	10/810,190	27MAR2004	N/A
	10/160,086	04JUN2002	2002/0183757
	10/160,407	04JUN2002	2003/0060828
	10/160,408	04JUN2002	2002/0183754
	10/160,059	04JUN2002	2002/0183755

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This submission does not represent that a search has been made or that no better art exists and does not constitute an admission that each or all of the listed documents are material or constitute "prior art." If the Examiner applies any of the documents as prior art against any claim in the application and applicant determines that the cited documents do not constitute "prior art" under United States law, applicant reserves the right to present to the office the relevant facts and law regarding the appropriate status of such documents.

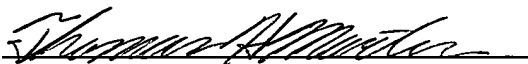
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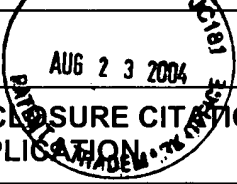
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U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

EXAMINER INITIAL	DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	NAME	CLASS	SUBCLASS	FILING DATE IF APPROPRIATE
	4,034,418	7/1977	Jackson et al.			
	4,743,256	5/1988	Brantigan			
	5,167,665	12/1992	McKinney			
	5,672,177	9/1997	Seldin			
	6,045,554	4/2000	Grooms et al.			
	6,217,580	4/2001	Levin			
	6,224,607	5/2001	Michelson			
	6,395,030	5/2002	Songer et al.			
	6,558,686	5/2003	Darouiche			

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